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§16–710. NOT IN EFFECT

- ** TAKES EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 PER CHAPTERS 16 AND 27 OF THE 2021 SPECIAL SESSION **
- (a) An agreement shall include a provision for the deduction from the paycheck of each public employee in a bargaining unit of any membership dues authorized and owed by the public employee to the exclusive representative.
- (b) (1) A public employee may authorize a deduction under this section by notifying the exclusive representative.
 - (2) The notice may be a handwritten or electronic statement.
- (3) A public employee may make a request to the exclusive representative to cancel or change a deduction under this section.
 - (c) An exclusive representative shall:
- (1) Collect and maintain the notices under subsection (b) of this section;
- (2) Certify to a public employer the public employees who have authorized deductions under this section; and
- (3) Indemnify a public employer from any claims made by a public employee made in reliance on the certification under this section.
- (d) An exclusive representative may not be required to provide copies of authorization notices unless a dispute arises in connection with the validity of an authorization.
 - (e) A public employer shall:
- (1) Rely on an exclusive representative's certification of public employees who have authorized deductions;
- (2) Direct public employees to the exclusive representative to cancel or change a deduction; and

(3) Submit a dispute arising between a public employee and an exclusive representative to be resolved under unfair labor practice proceedings in accordance with the laws of the State.

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